

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

SPRINGTIME IN THE COUNTRY TOUR

by Rosemary Stokley

I was very excited to see that Sealy was having a car show and chili cook off on April 24th, with various vendors and food trucks, after this long period of having everything shut down. So, I decided to put on a day trip to the fair, along with a drive on country roads. Our club so needed to drive their cars, as we have only been seeing each other at virtual meetings. Given that a lot of us have had our shots, we were able to space out, as the event was at Texas Premier Sporting Arms in Sealy. There was a big field for spacing, so this was a good fit.

I was so happy and thankful to Bruce Carter when he agreed to be a co-leader. He found some scenic backroads that I didn't know about, and he did all the nicely bound maps (since we all know how I am electronically challenged, LOL).

We had some worries about the weather, as Friday was stormy, and hoped it wouldn't carry

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over to Saturday. We were blessed with the best day - sunny and breezy. Thank you to our participants: Bruce Carter, my friends Bob Martinelli & Maryanne Clark, Denny Irvine, Dave & Sandra Lucas, Rick & Naomi McCracken, Dave & Nancy Carter, Tom & Diane Supak & Sister Sammy, Bill Severn, Tim & Beth Grebe, Tanner Grebe, Broderick Thompson & Bennie Rodgers, and Doug & Shelley Brough. So happy that you could be there!



Our day started by meeting at a school parking lot in Katy in my subdivision. Tanner Grebe was to drive my 1925 Coupe. She got stuck in high gear and a weld broke loose, so she stayed in

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the lot. Bill Severn tripped over his tie downs in the lot, and what we thought was bad bruises turned out to be a break in his hip. He wound up with an operation and a stay in Memorial Herman Katy Hospital. Our prayers go out to him for a speedy recovery. His daughter and son in law went with him, and Tanner drove his T and kept us in contact on his condition. He, of course, won the hard luck award - bless his heart.

The head of the car show, Mr. Russ Rainwater, was very excited to have us, as the rest of the cars were classics and hot rods. He saved spots spaced next to each other, and Dave Lucas got us under some shade trees.



The People's Choice Award went to a turquoise Chevy truck. We tried to stuff the ballot box with T's, but to no avail! I told a chili booth we would vote for them if they voted for us. We all laughed. They also had music and BBQ. We left around 1:00 -1:30 pm and drove on some nice country backroads that Bruce found.

Our afternoon stop was The Thirsty Parrot Café and Bar (dubbed Rosie's biker bar). The Harley riders really liked Model T's! We had a big table reserved in a backroom with our own waitress. By that time, we all wanted a cold beverage and more food and snacks. We kept our waitress busy, but it was so good seeing and visiting in person with everyone. We laughed, told stories, and kicked tires, together.



The day ended on the drive back to Katy with some traffic, as we entered town as everyone was out and about. All in all, it was perfect weather for our drive. At the parking lot, we said our goodbyes and "see you all on the next one"!

We looked pretty impressive arriving parade style, and we were filmed by the Sealy News. Russ said he would let me know when we would be in the news.



A VISIT TO ROBISON ELEMENTARY

by Doug Brough

Robison (pronounced Robe-ih-sun) Elementary has invited the Space City T's out for the past 8 years for their annual Inventor's Day. Sadly, this event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID, so we were especially happy to see it resume this year on April 16, 2021.



The Inventor's Day is held for the 3rd graders, and they learn about such inventors as Thomas Edison, Ben Franklin and, of course, Henry Ford.

Because of COVID, things were sped up a bit. In years past, we spent all day there, having around 30 minute sessions with the various classes, with break periods too. This year, we went from 9am to noon, with 6 back-to-back classes, each 25 minutes long (plus 5 minutes to change classes). The time went by quickly!

This year, Clint Allred, Doug Brough, Bill Severn and Bill Sherrill were able to attend. Clint

brought his 1923 Touring and his 1926 TT truck, Doug brought his 1926 Tudor and Bill Severn brought his 1916 Touring.

Bill Sherrill kicked off each session with a talk on Henry Ford. He talked about Ford's life on the farm, his love of tinkering, his cars and his role with the assembly line. Bill also gave a little automotive history lesson, showing what most agree is the very first car (a steam car) and the first gasoline engine powered car. Bill had lots of pictures to share.



Doug then followed Bill, talking about inventions and how many times an invention is just improving or adapting (e.g. stage coach wheels to wooden spoked wheels on a car, oil lamps being fitted on the early cars, etc). He also showed the Model T equivalent of a trunk, the running board luggage rack. We ended each talk showing off the greatest invention – the Model T gas gauge!



After talking, we turned the kids loose on the cars (their favorite part).



There was much horn honking, laughter and excitement from the kids.

Curiously, at least in the Tudor, the number one thing that intrigued the kids, was using a hand crank to roll the windows up or down. All they had ever seen before were electric windows.

It was a nice cool day, and the rain held off for us. Another Inventor's Day is behind us.

We look forward to many more to come. Maybe we will see you at the next one!



Not by the Hair on my Chin, Chin - OUCH!

By Bill Severn

We all know Model T Fords. Sometimes ya just gotta crank'um, so it was with the 1913 Touring Car that I had years ago. It had no starter, and cranking was the only option.

Also, we have all heard of people getting broken arms from trying to crank-start a Model T with the spark advanced. Usually, it just kicks back, pulling the crank out of your hand and reminding you of what you forgot to do. My friend had a car that would not start. He had installed the timer roller 180 degrees out, so all it would do was kick back. A broken arm just waiting to happen.

My touring car timer was set up correctly, and I had been running the engine to adjust something. I don't remember what.

I wanted to start it again to see if my adjustment had cured the problem. This 1913 car was hard to start when it was warm. You would have to crank and crank. So, with the brake set and the throttle retarded, I leaned down, took a firm grip, and gave it a pull. As I pulled up, suddenly the crank pulled my arm and my whole body down. Down, that is, until my chin crashed into the radiator cap. OUCH! I had forgotten to retard the spark. I think there is still the impression of a radiator cap on my chin, and possibly some chin hair on that old radiator cap. I was sure glad I didn't have a MotoMeter installed at that time.



PS – That was a learning experience. I have never done that again!

Texas T Party 2021

Wednesday September 29 - Sunday October 2

Temple, Texas



TOUR INFORMATION

2021 Texas T Party Tour Application

Click the "2021 Texas T Party Registration Form" link below for the tour application. **Please, please, please fill it out on your computer**, then print it out to mail it to the address supplied at the bottom of the form along with your payment.

CLICK : [2021 Texas T Party Registration Form](#)

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE PRINTING IT OUT

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY
AUGUST 31, 2021**

**FORD MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION
FORM - *Required***

Please click the "MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form" linked below for the mandatory inspection form you must submit in order to participate on this tour in your Model T.

DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM with your tour application and payment. Please print it out and

complete it and then bring it with you when you register in person at the tour

CLICK : [MTFCA Model T Safety Inspection Form](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION

The 2021 Texas T party will be based at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, located in the medical center area of the Temple Medical Center area. A special "T Party Tour Rate" of \$110 per night has been negotiated for tour participants. The hotel is committed to providing 80 of their 130 rooms at this rate. It may go over this quota depending on demand from other customers, so act quickly. The hotel is pet friendly but does require a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

**Hilton Garden Inn
1749 Scott Blvd
Temple, TX 76504
PH. (254) 773 0200**

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE HOTEL'S WEB
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No secondary hotel has been reserved at this time. Information on this subject may be added at a later date, depending on the need.

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2022 Officer Nominations

Please communicate your 2022 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at (713) 299-3059 or daverlucas@yahoo.com.

New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

Jerry Smith
13723 Llano Lake Court
Houston, TX 77059

A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2021 dues!

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

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\$40 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford
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Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: topkick7@outlook.com



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Next Meeting Cancelled

May 12, 2021



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**located at
1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

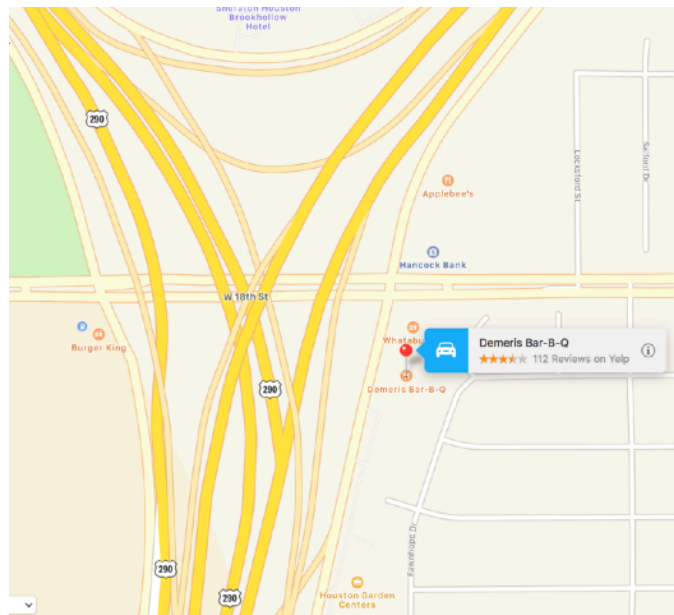
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

**Lazy Brook Baptist Church
—1822 West 18th Street in the
Heights**

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Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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